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From: John.Steven

**Sent:** Tue 3/19/2013 9:54:21 PM

Subject: RE: Follow Up Information from EPA and Exide Lead Smelter in Vernon, CA

Hi Brent – the Exide permit issue is also a DTSC issue, I think. It's pretty convoluted but I think DTSC is the lead for the permit action and that is the permit that has been needing to be reissued for several years. You may want to check in with Waste Division.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 2:42 PM **To:** Tachiki, Kimberlee; Unzueta, Maria

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Subject: Follow Up Information from EPA and Exide Lead Smelter in Vernon, CA

Kim Tachiki and Maria Unzueta

Office of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard

Kim/Maria -

As a follow up to our recent call in which we discussed the Cooper Drum, Jervis B. Webb, and Southern Avenue Industrial Area (aka Seam Master) Superfund Sites, I wanted to share with you some additional information I put together which you requested during our call. This morning, my colleague, Richard Hiett, sent you both some follow up information in a separate e-mail on the status of the cleanup of the Park Avenue Elementary School. Of the other follow up items from my notes mentioned during our recent call with both of you, here is a rundown on the status of each issue:

> NPL Sites in 40<sup>th</sup> Congressional District: As you will see upon reviewing the attached map of Los Angeles Area National Priorities List (NPL) Sites, there is only one NPL Site in Congressional District #40 which is the Pemaco Site. I will share with their office the attached

map that shows NPL Sites in the Los Angeles Area that clearly shows the Pemaco Site in her District. The Cooper Drum, Southern Avenue Industrial Park and Jervis B. Webb are in the adjacent 44<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Congresswoman Janice Hahn. I believe you are both very familiar with the Pemaco Site, but want to share with you the EPA website link for future reference.

- >• Health Effects Information from Exposure to Environmental Contaminants: We were asked whether we might be able to provide your office with some introductory information and potential health effects on vapor intrusion and other contaminants such as VOCs and perchlorate. EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) is a human health assessment program that evaluates information on health effects that may result from exposure to environmental contaminants. Through the IRIS Program, EPA provides the highest quality science-based human health assessments to support the Agency's regulatory activities. The IRIS database is web accessible and contains information on more than 550 chemical substances. <a href="http://www.epa.gov/iris/index.html">http://www.epa.gov/iris/index.html</a>
- >• EPA Vapor Intrusion Website: This web site provides some key information on vapor intrusion for members of the public who may be interested in this topic, including teachers and students, homeowners, community leaders, and environmental professionals. On this website, you'll find basic information about vapor intrusion, technical and policy documents that may be used to support environmental investigations, and highlights of current and upcoming Agency activities related to vapor intrusion. <a href="http://www.epa.gov/oswer/vaporintrusion/">http://www.epa.gov/oswer/vaporintrusion/</a>
- **Exide Lead Smelter:** I am also following up with our Air Division on the issue you brought up at the end of our call regarding the **Exide Lead Smelter** in Vernon, CA issue and your understanding that the facility has been operating with an interim or temporary permit for years. The Chief of our Permits Office in our Air Division is checking in with the South Coast Air Quality Management District on the latest status of this facilities' permit. Once we have that information, I would like to arrange a follow up call with my Air Division colleagues for sometime next week.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information. Once I hear back from my Air Division colleagues, I will follow up to set up a call for next week. If you have some time(s) next week that work for you, please let me know and I can see if they will work on our end.

Regards,

**Brent Maier** 

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